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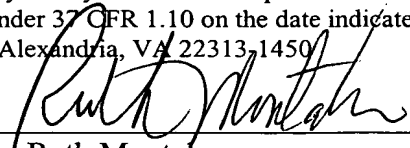
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For: ARRANGEMENT FOR THE OPTICAL CAPTURE OF EXCITED AND/OR BACKSCATTERED LIGHT BEAM IN A SAMPLE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Applicants wish to make of record the following publications which were cited in the parallel German prosecution:

1. Offenlegungsschrift DE 198 42 153 A1
2. Offenlegungsschrift DE 100 17 825 A1
3. Offenlegungsschrift t DE 100 59 184 A1

A brief summary of the disclosure of each publication follows:

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DE 198 42 153 A1 – Title: “Optical Arrangement in the Beam Path of a Confocal Fluorescence Microscope”

Summary: An optical arrangement in the beam path of a confocal fluorescence microscope, with at least a laser light source, an arranged structure in the light/detection beam path for division of excitation light from fluorescent light, an objective lens arranged between the structure and the object and a subsequently arranged detector of the structure in the detection beam path. This arrangement provides for the raising of fluorescence yield by simple construction.

DE 100 17 825 A1 – Title: “Polychromatic Fluorescence Measurement Arrangement”

Summary: The disclosure relates to a fluorescent measurement arrangement for scanning a sample surface, having a selection element by means of which excitation light in an excitation beam path is coupled with the sample surface and from the sample surface emitted fluorescent light, that the excitation beam in the opposite direction goes through, and is coupled out of the excitation beam. In the beam path a first dispersive element is arranged so that the fluorescent light from the sample surface is spectrally split up, and strikes the selection element. The selection element has a first and second region for managing selection between excitation—and fluorescent light.

DE 100 59 184 A1 – Title: “Optical Arrangement”

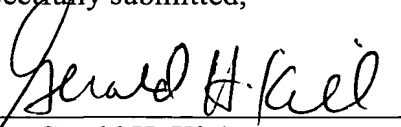
Summary: An optical arrangement minimizes auto-fluorescence and stray light and efficiently uses illumination light from a fluorescent illumination optical system in order to permit evaluation of a light fluorescent image. An observation arrangement comprises an objective, an evaluation—optical system unit, including a variable-enlargement-optical system and an imaging-optical-system unit, including an imaging lens and an ocular.

The German Office Action of April 29, 2004 which first identified the above three references is enclosed. The penultimate paragraph of page 2 states (in translation): “The above references (1) to (3) are not an obstacle in themselves to patentability of structure of claim 1”.

Accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO-1449 are copies of the references. A check for \$180.00 for the submission of an Information Disclosure after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is also enclosed.

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